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SEVEN-CENT CAR FARE BILL, PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY, ENCOUNTERS SNAG IN SENATE

Walters Plan to Advance Measure to Early Action Frustrated by Thompson.

BRIBE INQUIRY IS ON.

Sergeant-at-Arms Unable to Locate Traction Doughbag Witness in New York.

Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.

ALBANY, April 9.—Republican Majority Leader J. Henry Walters today moved that the Martin bill, passed yesterday by nine votes in the ordinary overwhelming Republican Assembly, be advanced to third reading in the Senate. The Martin bill reached the Senate this morning in a message from the Assembly. Senator Walters, loudest protestant against the bill, declared that it was "a piece of legislation that will do more harm than good."

"I object and protest," declared Senator George F. Thompson.

Unanimous consent being required for the advance of a bill to third reading, Senator Walters's plan to help the seven-cent fare bill was thwarted. The Martin bill, with its own sister, the Carson bill, is now in the Public Service Committee in the Senate, to which it was sent after Senator Walters's attempt to help the so-called Traction Trust had failed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Holding of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who is in New York City seeking an important witness in the \$500,000 seven-cent fare slush fund investigation, reported this morning that he had not yet located his man.

The witness sought is an employee of a signal company which figured in the Thompson investigation of the Interborough. Until the Judiciary Committee hears from its sergeant-at-arms it is not likely that the investigation will proceed. However, Senator Thompson is ready to give any additional information the committee may request.

"I am for the bill because it does not provide for a fare increase but does open a way for the Public Service Commission to deal with the railroad companies and the municipalities holding agreements or who have granted franchises so that arrangements may be made to save the railway corporations from going to smash," said Senator Walters.

"Then you believe the bill constitutional?" was asked.

"I do not know. I have doubts. If the contracts and franchises existing in New York City between the transit companies and the city are of a nature that will be adjudged within the purview of the constitutional definition of the contract, I do not believe that this Legislature or any Public Service Commission can do anything to abrogate any provision of such a contract."

Sensor Walters went on to explain that the Martin bill would "enable

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A. E. F. CASUALTIES TO DATE NOW PLACED AT 273,105

32,292 Killed in Action, 13,420 Died of Wounds and 22,505 of Disease.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The following revised table of casualties among the American Expeditionary Forces, based upon data to date, was issued today by the War Department:

Killed in action (including 381 lost at sea), 32,292; died of wounds, 13,420; died of disease, 22,505; died of accident and other causes, 6,061; wounded in action (34 per cent returned), 156,502; missing in action (not including prisoners released and returned), 4,291; total to date, 273,105.

The department announced that Private J. A. Duns, No. 4 West 108th Street, New York City, was killed in action.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Embodies Recommendations of Gov. Smith and Is Substitute for Labor Body's Measure.

ALBANY, April 9.—The minimum wage bill, introduced by Minority Leader Foley and embodying recommendations of Gov. Smith was substituted for the bill offered by the Committee on Labor and Industries was passed in the Senate today by a vote of 29 to 21. Seven Republican Senators, Abraham Davenport, Fowler, Graves, Leavewood, Pritchard and G. P. Thompson, voted with the united Democratic minority.

The bill was then passed without a dissenting vote. Majority Leader Walters and Senator A. P. Brown, Republican, were not recorded on the final roll call.

This amendment was made in the House of Commons today in answer to a question by T. H. McNamara, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Admiralty.

BRITISH FLEET NOT COMING.

Naval Official Announces No Warships Will Visit U. S. Now.

LONDON, April 9.—No official visit to the United States of any portion of the British Fleet is contemplated at present.

This announcement was made in the House of Commons today in answer to a question by T. H. McNamara, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Admiralty.

\$2,000 KITCHENETTE FIRE.

Early Morning Blaze in Artists Studio Houses 73 Sleepers.

Unexplained flames in the kitchenette of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton on the top floor of the twelve-story "Duplex" at No. 1 West 44th Street early today struck a damage of \$2,000 and caused seven sleeping tenants of that and nearby buildings.

Mr. Hamilton is at present in Oregon on a concert tour. His other daughter, Miss Hamilton, is in New York.

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GIRL OF MYSTERY TO BE BURIED BY MAN SHE DIED FOR

Irving Malbin Arranges for Funeral of Stenographer Who Ended Life.

Frances Gold, the "mystery girl" who died for love, will not be buried in Potter's Field, although search for her family has failed to date.

Irving Malbin, 472 Madison Avenue, the young woman's former employer, in whose office she employed carbonated acid Monday after she became convinced by would not marry her, today employed H. Meyers & Co., undertakers, No. 223 Lenox Avenue, to take charge of the body.

Miss Gold lived at No. 874 Prospect Avenue, the Bronx, in the home of Miss Schaeffer, a tailor at No. 28 Union Square East, but Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer know nothing of her prior to last October when she was introduced to them by Malbin.

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F. W. WOOLWORTH FORTUNE BETWEEN 30 AND 40 MILLIONS

Estate Disposed Of in Will Which Won't Be Disclosed Till After Funeral.

The estate left by Frank Winfield Woolworth is between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000 and is disposed of by a will which will not be made public until after his funeral. Those familiar with Mr. Woolworth's affairs said today that the bulk of the estate is left in trust and will go to members of his family, to relatives and business associates who had been close to him throughout his career.

The principal heirs are two daughters, Mrs. Helena Woolworth McLean of No. 1 East 95th Street, Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue of the same address, and Barbara Hutton, a granddaughter, the child of Edna Woolworth Hutton, deceased. Other relatives are scattered throughout the United States. A number of relatives whose homes are distant from New York are hurrying here to attend the funeral, which will be held from the Woolworth residence, No. 599 Fifth Avenue.

William C. Reed, personal attorney for Mr. Woolworth, spent most of today in conference with H. C. Parsons, Vice President of the Woolworth Company, who is executor of the will, and Mr. Woolworth's widow, Mrs. Jessie Woolworth. He said, however, that the Woolworth fortune is not \$65,000,000, as had been stated, but between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000. The impression that the fortune was \$65,000,000, was obtained, the lawyer said, from the fact that the Broadway-Park Glass Company, the holding corporation, had been incorporated at \$65,000,000.

Proceedings to determine the lower interest of Mrs. Woolworth in her husband's estate have been pending for several months. She is known to have had a wife's interest in real property in New York City, Philadelphia and on Long Island, the assessed value of which is \$1,402,535. The Fifth Avenue home is assessed at \$360,000 and the Glen Cove summer residence at \$175,000. The Philadelphia real estate has been assessed at \$750,000. In all these holdings Mrs. Woolworth has a wife's interest.

During his life time Mr. Woolworth purchased several homes for his daughters. He first bought a place at No. 2 East 86th Street, then a larger home at No. 4 East 104th Street, adding to this by the purchase of No. 6 East 86th Street. These homes were conveyed to his daughters for love and affection.

The highest holdings are the Woolworth chain of stores and the building which bears the dead merchant's name. The Woolworth Building cost \$13,000,000.

Private funeral services for Mr. Woolworth will be held at No. 599 Fifth Avenue at 11 A. M. tomorrow. The interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery immediately afterward.

Joint resolutions have been adopted by the directors of the Irving Trust Company, of both of which boards Mr. Woolworth was a member, expressing sorrow at his death, extending his character and achievements and tendering sympathy to the bereaved family.

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EBERT CABINET TO APPEAL FOR AN ALLIED ARMY TO KEEP ORDER IN GERMANY

Will Ease Suggestion on the Ground That It Is for the Best Interests of All of Europe.

PARIS, April 9 (Havas).—At the latest session of the German Cabinet Council the Government considered the eventuality of making an appeal to the Allied armies to maintain order in Germany, in the interest of the whole of Europe, the Zurich correspondent of Le Journal reports.

The newspaper Le Clair understands that Gen. Humbert, former Commander of the French Third Army, will be appointed commander of the Allied troops in Central Europe.

GENERAL STRIKE IN BERLIN PROCLAIMED; 30,000 TROOPS READY TO SUPPRESS RIOTS

Noske Concentrates Loyal Soldiers at City Gates for Use in Case of Trouble.

PARIS, April 9 (Havas).—A general strike has been proclaimed in Berlin and the suburbs of Spandau, according to reports received here today.

Herr Noske, the Minister of Defense, is reported to have concentrated 25,000 loyal troops at the gates of Berlin for use in case of trouble.

COPENHAGEN, April 9 (Associated Press).—German Government troops are marching on Essen, where a collision has occurred between the strikers and the Christian Workers' Organization, the members of which desire to continue at their employment, a Berlin despatch announces.

The strikers have occupied the Krupp munition plant, the message adds.

BERLIN, Tuesday, April 9 (Associated Press).—Employees of the Bank for Trade and Industry, better known as the Darmstadter Bank, went on strike today and a half dozen banks, including the Deutsche, Dresdener and Disconto, went to the aid of the other bank by opening thirty of their branches until the strike is over. Employees of the Darmstadter Bank demanded an increase in pay which the bank could not see its way to granting without endangering the safety of the institution.

The threat of railroad employees to add to Germany's troubles by striking has brought a sharp reply from the government, in which such action is denounced as "a crime toward the entire people." Assurance is given that a strike "will be regarded as a breach of contract and will be punished accordingly."

The government statement declares that it would be "inconceivable" to let it permit railroads to injure the people by stopping transportation in these days of shortage of food and raw materials and hunger.

Gen. von Klotz, commander of the German Fourth Army, who was arrested in Magdeburg, Prussian Saxony, Monday with Herr Landeberg, National Minister of Justice, has been set free.

LONDON, April 9.—The Sportsmen in Magdeburg have occupied the railway telegraph and post office there, a despatch from Copenhagen reports.

In the attack on the Police Headquarters Tuesday a large number of persons are said to have been killed or wounded.

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PRICE GERMANY MUST PAY AS INDEMNITIES FOR WAR FIXED BY PEACE TREATY

First and Second Sub-Committees of Peace Conference Make Their Reports—Clemenceau Says War Debt of France Is \$40,000,000,000

PARIS, April 9 (Havas).—The preliminary peace treaty will require Germany to make an immediate indemnity payment on account of 25,000,000,000 francs (\$5,000,000,000) in cash and raw materials, according to the Echo de Paris. The treaty, it says, will not leave uncertain the total amount which Germany is to pay, as that amount will be written into the document.

The Council of Four met this forenoon at the Paris "White House" with President Wilson in attendance.

The first interim report of the Second Sub-Committee of the Peace Conference Commission on Reparations, dealing with the financial capacity of enemy states and the means of payment, was adopted yesterday by the commission.

It was decided to present this report and the report of the First Sub-Committee on categories of damage and methods of valuation to the General Secretary of the Peace Conference.

Ignace Jan Paderewski, the Polish Premier, was summoned before the Council of Four today to present the claims of Poland. The Premier will urge that Danzig must be given to Poland and that Poland must have the coal fields of Teschen, Silesia, upon which, it is said, Polish industry depends.

PARIS, April 9 (United Press).—The Council of Four has virtually reached an agreement on the question of responsibility for the war, it was semi-officially announced today.

La Liberté said today that Clemenceau, Premier Lloyd George, Premier Orlando and Col. House reached an agreement on certain principles while President Wilson was ill. It declared that it now remains for the President to approve these decisions, adding "the obvious conclusion is that if he approves the peace preliminaries will be signed."

Premier Clemenceau, undaunted by charges of imperialism or intransigence, declared that France is imbued with a childlike idea of vengeance, continues to fight for what the French regard as adequate reparations from Germany.

The Premier's arguments are backed by the most startling facts. These indicate that France's national debt is more than \$40,000,000,000. Every man, woman and child, therefore, is burdened with a debt of more than \$1,000. Every baby is born owing a debt on which it must pay at least an annual interest of \$5.

According to the last census, there were less than 12,000,000 money-producing males in France. Thus, for each worker, there is a debt of more than \$3,000. With its present debt of \$40,000,000,000 a year and, as the total annual private income of all the French together is only between \$20,000,000,000 and \$25,000,000,000, 50 per cent of every man's wages and other income is necessary to meet the country's budget.

Not only has the support of the old Government taken concrete form in North Bavaria, but the breach among the Social Democrats in South Bavaria has widened until the Magdalen Socialists, the Independent Socialists and the Communists are not at all united.

The Independent Socialists of Munich and Nuremberg are split up hopelessly.

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